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UM PRODUCTION SHOWCASES ORIGINAL CHOREOGRAPHY

MISSOULA --

The University of Montana drama/dance department will present its fall dance showcase of original choreography Tuesday through Saturday, Dec. 5-9, in the Open Space at the Performing Arts and Radio/Television Center.

The programs at 8 p.m. nightly and 2 p.m. on Saturday will feature works by dance majors, dance faculty, UM students from other disciplines and community people.

Associate Professor Amy Ragsdale, head of the drama/dance department's dance division, said the showcase gives choreographers from widely varying levels of experience an opportunity to exhibit what often is "unusual creativity and individuality."

The showcase consists of two entirely different programs that will alternate at consecutive performances. As an extra, "informances" on Thursday evening and Saturday afternoon will feature a brief talk about each piece and its choreographer.

Compositions are primarily modern in style, with changes of pace provided by the inclusion of ballet, jazz, tap and ethnic works. Some are silent. Others have music or text.

Tickets cost \$4 and are on sale before the performance and from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at the box office in the Performing Arts and Radio/Television Center, phone 243-4581.

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